

# First Family

*We welcome all people... are guided by the teachings  
and unconditional love of Jesus... are inspired  
to participate as faithful disciples of Christ.*

**November 2023**

**Those famous pickles  
don't just make  
themselves!**



**First United  
Methodist Church**

**230 E. Skyline Parkway  
Duluth, MN 55811**

*Photo by Jeanine Alexander*





## Our First Family



**Baptized October 8:**  
Mica James Montz, born March 19, 2023. Mica's parents are William (Will) and Kaitlin (Kate) Montz, and his sponsor is his uncle Nick Montz.



**Our First Grandbaby!**  
Maren Gail Marquardt was born September 1, to parents Colten and Amy (Schroeder) Marquardt. Grandparents are Dale and Carolyn Schroeder.



**A gift to light the church** for the week of November 5-11 was given by the 2x2s, in memory of Pat St. John. Her 91st birthday would have

been on November 9. The gift will also benefit the Bee Hive Home Butterfly Garden in Duluth.



## On the Journey With You

*I read this in a devotional time and it spoke to my spirit.  
I hope it speaks to your spirit too.*

### **A Blessing for Your Evolving Faith, by Sarah Bessey**

Friend, today we bless your questions, your doubts, your wonderings, your discomfort: all unexpected invitations from the Holy Spirit to a new altar in the fresh air of God's goodness.

**We bless your "I just don't know anymore," because now there is room for the Spirit to surprise you.**

May you find courage in the midst of uncertainty and embrace the questions that lead you deeper into Love.

**God's love has never been dependent on your right opinions; you can take a deep breath now.**

Faith was never meant to be a stagnant pool of complacency anyway, but a deep and ever-flowing river of divine love. Let the currents deepen your trust in the One who knows the way.

**May you never lose sight of the radical love at the heart of you, a love that calls us to care for the least of these, to speak truth to power, and to embody justice and mercy in the world.**

May your questions be like stars in the night sky, guiding you onward into the vast expanse of the divine. Embrace the questions, for they are signposts on the road to deeper understanding and intimacy with the Divine.

**May your evolving faith be a beacon of hope and healing in the midst of our world's dark night of the soul.**

May your courage to be honest and resolutely human inspire others to embark on their own sacred journeys of exploration and

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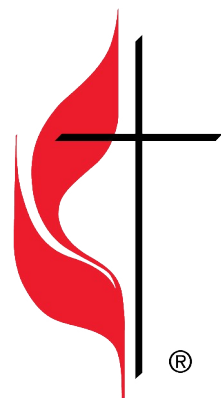
### **First United Methodist Church**

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November 15**

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discovery. May you be open to the diversity of beliefs and experiences that enrich the tapestry of faith. May you find good teachers and new companions and even a few old friends on this path through the wilderness.

**May your faith be a wellspring of compassion, justice, and love, flowing out to those in need and nourishing parched souls—including your own.**

May you experience unexpected healing even as you learn to map the stars into your scars.

May you never lose your grip on the transformative power of grace. And may you extend that grace freely to yourself and to all who cross your path.

**We bless your scrappy bit of stubborn hope, insisting on Love and demanding your honesty.**

May your evolving faith be a testament to the infinite and boundless nature of God, leading you ever closer to the heart of love itself.

**May you find peace in humble mystery.**

Let the grace of the one who dances through the cosmos and whispers in the stillness of our hearts be with you as your faith evolves and transforms.

**And may you begin to truly know, down to your bones, that you are loved, loved, loved right now—both as you are and as all that you will become. Amen.**

Beloved ones. May you know, down to your bones, that you are loved—so loved—forever loved.

On the journey with you!  
~Pastor Jeanine

## Worship in November



**Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Sunday.**

***Remember that Daylight Saving Time ends today. Set your clocks back one hour.***

We will name, light a candle, and remember those from our congregation who have died this past year. We will also celebrate Holy Communion. Our sermon will be "5G Faith #3 – The Great Commitment."

**Sunday, November 12, Consecration Sunday**, where you will be asked to make estimates of your financial giving to the ministry and mission of our church for 2024. You will receive a bowl of soup following worship to enjoy at church or at home (see article for more information). We will also be recognizing Veterans Day and our sermon will be "5G Faith #4 – The Great Requirement."

**Sunday, November 19, Thanksgiving Sunday.** Our sermon today is "5G Faith #5 – The Great Commission."

**Sunday, November 26, 1st Sunday of Advent** – We will unveil and kick off our Advent/Christmas mission project. Our sermon is "An Advent Foundation."

**There are three ways to participate in worship:**

- 10am, live in our Sanctuary on Sundays. (We hope you choose this one when you can—there is something wonderful about being in person with others, and you get a doughnut and coffee.)
- 10am livestreamed service on Sundays as worship is taking place
- Anytime afterwards on our [YouTube channel](#). Please make worship a soul destination this year!

## Wednesday Night Dinners are for Everyone

***Dinners this month will be served on November 1, 8, 15, and 29 from 6:00-6:30pm in Lakeview Social Hall.***

**November 1** – Taco bar, by Corey Hulst

**November 8, 15, and 29** – Salad, fruit, veggie bar, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and noodles, by Larry and Pastor Jeanine

Please contribute money to help cover the cost of the food so we may continue this service.

Please let Pastor Jeanine know if you would be willing to provide a simple meal once a month, or if you would be willing to help with cleanup, so this responsibility can be shared.

# Children and Youth News

## Nursery – 5th grade

### Sunday School

Sunday School will be held on November 5, 12, 19, and 26 beginning at 10am.

### It's Christmas Pageant Time!

We are excited to announce our upcoming Children's Christmas Pageant, "Christmas Around the World," on December 17. All students are welcome—pre-school age and up. We invite you to share your beautiful musical talents to tell the Christmas story on a journey to Bethlehem. Rehearsals will be every Sunday morning starting November 12, AND every Wednesday evening at 5pm (for kids 2nd grade and younger) and 5:40pm (grade 3 and older). There will be a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, December 16 from 10:30–noon. You can come to any or all rehearsals and still participate. Please contact director Beth Brophy with any questions: [musickids@fumcduluth.com](mailto:musickids@fumcduluth.com).

**Reminder:** Both children's music groups (JAM and JAM Junior) will sing at the beginning of the service on Sunday, November 12.

## Wednesday Evening Schedule

Wednesday evening activities and rehearsals will be held on November 1, 8, 15, and 29. **There are no kids' music groups or activities on November 22.**

**5:00-5:30pm – JAM Jr** (nursery–2nd grade) in the chapel, including Bible learning

**5:00-5:40pm – Ringtones** (3rd-5th grade) in the Bell Room

**5:40-6:05pm – JAM** (3rd-5th grade) singing/drumming in the Chapel

**5:30-6:00pm – Supervised play time** for 2nd grade and under

**6:00-6:30pm – Dinner** (salad, fruit, veggie bar, bread, peanut butter, and noodles)

**6:30-7:30pm – Tweens** (3rd-5th grade) will meet on November 8 and 29 in Lakeview Social Hall.

**Nursery care is available 5:00-8:00pm.**

Please bring money to help contribute toward Wednesday suppers. Friends are always welcome! Text Pastor Jeanine with any questions (763-443-0570).

## Youth – Grades 6-12

**The Confirmation Class** will meet on November 1 at 6:30pm. Come any time from 6-6:30pm for supper (taco bar). Please bring a monetary donation. Youth who are not in confirmation may hang out in the Youth Room.

**We are offering a Service Opportunity** to help with the Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4. Contact Pastor Jeanine at 763-443-0570 to sign up.

**On Wednesday, November 8 and 29**, from 6:30-7:30pm, the Youth will be participating with the Tweens in Lakeview Social Hall.

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**6:00-6:30pm – Supper** – Come anytime.

**6:30-7:30pm – Youth Group** – November 15.  
On November 8 and 29 Youth are with Tweens in Lakeview Social Hall.

**7:45-8:45 – Class Ring Rehearsal** – in the Bell Room

Friends are always welcome! Please bring money to contribute toward Wednesday suppers. Text Pastor Jeanine with any questions (763-443-0570).

## FUMC Book Sale

November 18, 9:00–3:00pm

You can start dropping off books in the East Lounge beginning Sunday, November 12.

PLEASE, NO VHS or cassette tapes, encyclopedias, textbooks, or damaged books.

To volunteer, contact Jean Walsh, [jmbwalsh@gmail.com](mailto:jmbwalsh@gmail.com). Volunteers are needed for setup on Thursday and Friday, November 16 and 17; and for the Sale day, November 18.



# Bible

## Presentation

On October 15, Bibles were presented to three-year-olds (and older kids who hadn't previously received them), 3rd graders (and older kids who hadn't previously received them), and members of the confirmation class.

### Three-year-old Bibles

Navy Lou Alander  
Michael Clarence Flinner  
Oliver Richard Hammond  
Ian James Kibler  
Aurora Joanne LeClaire  
Ryu Hatfield Lemae  
Blake Svea Morris  
Camryn Jean Morris  
Peter Andrew Ouren

### Third Grade Bibles

Millie Carolan  
Charlotte Decatur  
Sophie Hawkins  
Izzy Kruse  
Cameron Ray Lawrey  
Greta Marie Nielsen  
Felicity Eloise Rogers

### Confirmation Bibles

Keira Ball  
George Bateman  
August Boberg  
Atley R. Collins  
Renz Fairchild  
Cooper Lawrey  
Victoria Lynn Moses  
Delaney Mae Nielsen  
Aiden Schlangen  
Chuck Vidovic

# Consecration Sunday, November 12

During the week of November 6, you will receive a letter with your estimate of giving card and a participation survey letting us know how you want to share your time and gifts through our congregation. We will ask you to prayerfully fill them out and return them to church. Those worshipping in person will bring them to church that next Sunday, November 12, and place them in the offering plate. On that Sunday, as a way to celebrate our giving and our life together, Paul Sapyta will be serving soup and every person may eat their soup (and bread) in Lakeview Social Hall or leave with a bowl of soup (in a compostable container) to eat at home. For those worshipping online, you are invited to drive by church on the 12th between 11:15am and noon to drop off your estimate of giving card and participation survey and get your soup. Pastor Jeanine will personally greet each car and will be so happy to see you. You are also welcome to mail your estimate of giving card and participation survey, fill them out online or bring them to the office during the week.

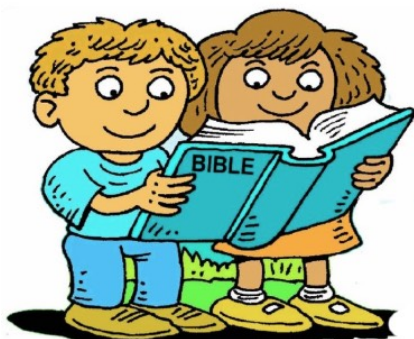
Please be prayerfully thinking of what this congregation means to you and others, and what God is leading you to give financially in the coming year. Be blessed... and be a blessing!

## Ways to Find Our Online Services

Each weekend in the weekly email, Pastor Jeanine sends you the link to the online worship service, connect card, and service bulletin. Even if that email isn't handy, there are other ways you can get to our worship video and related information.



- Go to our [church webpage](#). You will find the link on the homepage in the Worship Services feature box, as well as in at least two other locations. [fumcduluth.com](http://fumcduluth.com).
- Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "First United Methodist Church Duluth Minnesota" and it will come up (you can also find past services there). If you subscribe to the channel, you can receive notices and reminders, and it's easy to find us from your own YouTube account.
- Click on [our YouTube channel](#) to see all of our available online worship services. Here is the link: [youtube.com/@firstunitedmethodistchurch840/featured](https://www.youtube.com/@firstunitedmethodistchurch840/featured).
- Go to [FUMC's Facebook Page](#). There will always be links there as well: [facebook.com/FUMCDuluth](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCDuluth).



## From Our Faith Community Nurse

Hello everyone; I am writing again to ask for medical supplies to help our Methodist Global Health Ministries projects. All supplies need to be unused and unopened supplies.

Every year nearly six million children under age five continue to die from preventable and treatable diseases.

MGHM's vision of abundant health for all focuses on efforts to promote physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being and therefore aims to create abundant health in economically vulnerable communities by protecting children and disadvantaged adults from preventable causes of death and disease. To achieve this, MGHM will enable the church to partner with thousands of communities and health workers through its community-based health programs, while also supporting United Methodist hospitals and clinics around the world.

With more than 300 United Methodist health facilities around the world and various funding opportunities for health programming—including those that target HIV/AIDS, maternal and child health, malaria, and more—The United Methodist Church has clearly demonstrated a long history of supporting healthy communities, both locally and globally. Facilities exist in Colombia, Cambodia, Ecuador, Bolivia, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

MGHM works to strengthen networks of healthcare and provides staff training, clean water resources, and sanitation. It also promotes nutrition and strives to decrease malaria, COVID-19, AIDS, and HIV.

A list of much-needed supplies can be found **on page 13** and near the church office. Please put your donation in the container by the office.

Thank you so much!

~Linda Wiig

*Please get your flu, COVID, and RSV (for those that are eligible) vaccinations now if you haven't done so.*



## Craft & Bake Sale Invitation to Help

We would like to invite and encourage our congregation members to bake goods to sell in the Bakery Room at the November 4 Coppertop Craft & Bake Sale. Cookies, breads, cupcakes, bars, etc., are very much needed. Please have items cut, wrapped, and ready to display for sale. Trays are available in the church kitchen. Cash donations are always appreciated.

## Sustainability Team Meeting November 12

The Sustainability Team will meet Sunday, November 12, in the library 15 minutes after the service. Please join us in important discussions on solar panels, charging stations, and a community compost bin. Compost bags will be for sale before and after the service. Time to stock up for holiday cooking and baking.

FUMC gets better and better at consistent composting. But lately more than one person has asked, "Wouldn't real dishes be better?" Mary Giese and crew did just that for the senior luncheon, and it worked well. There is something satisfying about dining on china that the church has used for decades. The problem is that volunteers would need to step forward to run the dishwasher. Please give some serious reflection on whether you would be willing to take a turn in the dishroom. It builds community and is better for the Earth. Ponder this, talk among friends, and together we can discern the right path forward.



# The Coppertop Craft & Bake Sale

First United Methodist Church  
230 E Skyline Parkway  
Duluth, Minnesota

Saturday, November 4, 2023  
9:00am-2:30pm

More than 30 area crafters offering handmade gifts

- jewelry
- woodcraft
- children's clothes
- doll clothes
- ceramics
- novelties
- accessories
- stained glass
- linens
- home décor
- knitted items
- and much more!

Hot cinnamon rolls are available at 9:00am  
Lunch begins at 11:00am

The Craft & Bake Sale is brought to you by the United Methodist Women at First United Methodist Church.

All proceeds will benefit ministries to women and children in the Duluth area and worldwide.

Please contact the church office, 218-727-5021  
if you have questions.



# EarthKeeper

By Naomi Yaeger  
UMC EarthKeeper

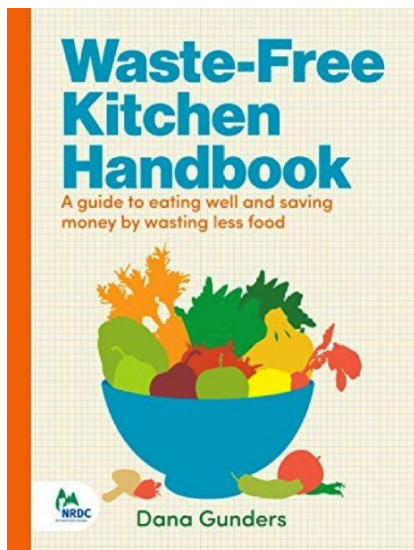
## Thanksgiving Reflections: From Childhood Feasts to a Food Waste Wake-Up Call

As a child we lived far away from relatives, so we usually spent Thanksgiving at our friend's house. After our Thanksgiving feast, we would play board games and card games. Supper would be turkey sandwiches and reheated squash and whatever else was leftover. Leftovers tasted yummy, and as a child, I didn't worry about how much was wasted.

In recent years six million turkeys were thrown out during Thanksgiving. That's a hard number to swallow. This year please consider and help reduce that number. This website, Save-the-Food Guestimator [savethefood.com/guestimator](http://savethefood.com/guestimator), created by the Natural Resource Council and the Ad Council, can help you determine how much food you will need. This tool includes options for how many guests are attending, how big their appetites are, how many meals' worth of leftovers you want, and whether the meal will be turkey-based or vegetarian.



Now let's zoom out a bit. Did you know that a whopping three billion metric tons of food are wasted globally every year? That's according to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United



Nations. This waste amounts to one-third of all food produced. Just think of all the time, water, and energy used to make that amount of food, as well as the land and labor that was wasted.

I recommend reading *Waste-Free Kitchen Handbook*, by Dana Gunders, published by the Nature Resources Council. "Nobody walks out of the grocery store carrying four bags with the intention of tossing out one," says Gunders.

So this Thanksgiving, as we gather with loved ones to give thanks and share in a bountiful meal, let's also make a pact to give back to the planet by reducing food waste. The first step? Utilize resources

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like the "Save-the-Food Guestimator" and educate yourself about the issue through resources like *Waste-Free Kitchen Handbook*. After all, a more sustainable and mindful approach to Thanksgiving can be just as fulfilling as those scrumptious turkey sandwiches from my childhood.

Bible Verse, John 6:12 ESV

"And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing be lost.'"

Naomi is a commissioned EarthKeeper with the United Methodist Church. Contact her at [sun\\_dog\\_press@yahoo.com](mailto:sun_dog_press@yahoo.com) or 218-591-5277.

## All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 5 is All Saints Sunday—a time for relection and remembrance. On that day and in that service, we will name those members and friends from our congregation who have left us since the last All Saints Day, light a candle and pause to reflect on their lives and the impact they had on us.

*Robert Almqvist*

*Janet Bye*

*Shirley Swanson*

*Peggy Wallin*

*Muriel Kay Strand*

*Debra Stephenson*

*Dolores Taylor*

*Sandra Almqvist*

*Lois Rowe*

*Ruth Thompson*

*Patrick Schinn (former member)*

*Carol Norling*

*Sandra Hansen*

*Peter LaTour*

*Kent Giese*

*Patricia St. John*

*Robert Higgins*

*Carol Jaster*



# Music Notes

by Velda Graham Bell

## Sanctuary Organ Update From the FUMC Organ Committee

Last month Bill had a cover story in *First Family* entitled “Progress We Can See.” We are happy to report that since then, more progress has happened, with more yet to come.

The Violone rank of pipes (the façade pipes that you can see attached to the back wall of the Sanctuary) are completely installed and working, as are a rank of Oboe pipes that are installed in the organ chamber. The



sweeping design of the Violone pipes really looks stunning! There is future work to be done, but we are waiting for some specific supplies. As we mentioned in an earlier *First Family* article, the organ refurbishment process has been much slower than anticipated, primarily caused by the COVID pandemic and supply chain issues. While the project has been slow, we are extremely happy with the quality of Robert Hoppe’s work. (Robert is the organ restorer with whom we contracted.)

Future work to complete includes installing a new electronic system in the balcony console. In addition we will mount the balcony console on a new dolly that we are anxiously awaiting to receive from the Austin Organ Company. Once the dolly is received, Robert can install the new electronic system into the console, completing that phase of the project. The final step in the process will be for him to voice and regulate the new pipes as well as many of the existing pipes, which will greatly enhance the sound quality of the organ.



## Call for Seasonal Singers!

"Gloria! A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" – Sunday, December 10, 10am worship service.

The Sanctuary Choir invites additional singers to join them for our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols service. This beautiful service tells the story of Christ’s birth through Scripture readings and music. This year, music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir, Strikepoint, and various instrumentalists.

If you’ve ever wanted to “try out” the choir to see if it’s for you, this is a good opportunity. The choir will start rehearsing music for the Lessons and Carols service on Wednesday, November 1 and will continue rehearsing on subsequent Wednesdays. Rehearsals are held in the East Lounge on Wednesdays from 5:10-6:10pm. We will also devote our entire Sunday warm-up rehearsal to this music on Sunday, December 3 from 9-9:45am.

If you have questions, please contact Derek Bromme at 218-590-0087 or [dbromme@css.edu](mailto:dbromme@css.edu), or Velda Bell at 218-393-4006 or [music@fumcduluth.com](mailto:music@fumcduluth.com).

## Tapestry Drummer Needed

Tapestry needs a drummer. If you play or know someone who plays, please consider being part of this fun group of musicians. For more information, please contact Corey Hulst at 218-428-5520 or [chulst70@gmail.com](mailto:chulst70@gmail.com). Tapestry rehearses on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. and plays at most Sunday services. Short-term commitments or fill-in opportunities are possible if that fits your schedule better.

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## Henry Mattson is Our New Choral Scholar



If you've seen a new face in the choir's tenor section this fall, it is our new Choral Scholar, Henry Mattson. Henry hails from North Branch, MN, and is currently in his third year at the College of St. Scholastica on the pre-law track. He has been singing in choirs since sixth grade and has had plenty of singing opportunities. He participated in the ACDA 9-10

Honor Choir, All-State TTBB Choir, All-State SATB Choir, Dorian Festival, and a regional honor choir called Unum Vox. Currently he sings in the Concert Choir at CSS and has also participated in the Chamber Choir. When asked about his love of music, Henry said, "Music will always have a special place in my heart, especially singing, and I am very grateful for the opportunity to sing with the First United Methodist Church Choir."

The purpose of FUMC's Choral Scholar program is to offer a young person the opportunity to pursue choral singing in a community that is committed to excellence in sacred music. The Choral Scholar sings with the choir for most rehearsals and Sunday morning worship services with further music opportunities available, depending on the individual's interests and abilities. FUMC's Choral Scholar program is being financially supported with memorial monies received from the families of Dick Peterson and Allen Merry. We all fondly remember Dick and Al and their dedication to our Sanctuary Choir.

## You are Invited

**John Rutter's "Requiem," A Concert of Remembrance and Hope**

Sunday, November 19, 3pm.

Sacred Heart Music Center, 201 W. 4th St., Duluth

\$20 tickets available at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at the door

Student rush tickets available at the door for \$10.

## Give to the Max Day—Strikepoint

For more than a decade, Minnesotans have donated generously to a variety of nonprofit organizations each fall as part of GiveMN's "Give to the Max Day" fundraising campaign. More than \$290 million has been given to more than 10,000 organizations across Minnesota.

This year, Give to the Max Day is **Thursday, November 16**, with an early giving period beginning **November 1**. Strikepoint is hoping you will all pay particular attention to this, as they continue to raise funds to purchase more Very Large Bells, to refurbish our bell sets, and to restore a historic set of Dutch-made Petit & Fritsen bells.

You may have seen—and heard—the first three Very Large Bells in recent church services and concerts. A fourth was added this

summer through a generous memorial gift. Of course, once the group heard what a wonderful sound these bells add, they found more music that could use additional bells. Each of the Very Large Bells (and its equally large case) costs approximately \$5,500.

Refurbishing bells includes replacing old inside parts, updating handles, cleaning and polishing the bell castings, and getting rid of any blemishes that our ringers have not been able to remove by hand polishing. It is advisable to periodically refurbish bells; it will extend their playability since the bells will play and sound better with parts that aren't worn out.

The Petit & Fritsen bells were cast in a foundry that began in the Netherlands in 1660 but ceased operation in 2014. These old bells have leather parts and handles, many of which need to be remade. The P&F sound is quite different than the Schulmerich bells we are all used to, but adds a different color that can be very effective in certain pieces of music.

There are several ways to help Strikepoint raise money for these projects:

- Go to [givemn.org](https://www.givemn.org) and search for "Strikepoint"
- Send a check to Strikepoint at church (230 E. Skyline Parkway, Duluth, MN 55811)
- Donate through [FUMC's eGiving](https://www.fumcduluth.com) link on the homepage: [fumcduluth.com](https://www.fumcduluth.com) and put "Strikepoint" in the memo space.

Strikepoint director Bill Alexander would be happy to discuss donation options with you! All donors will be gratefully acknowledged in concert programs.





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Nov. 16, 2023

**Support the nonprofits  
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# FUMC's October Photo Album



*Roast Beef Dinner*



*FUMC Group at CHUM Gala*



*Youth Alpine Slide Outing*



*Baptism Day of Mica Montz*



*Garden Committee End of Season Cleanup and Celebration Lunch*





# 2023 Fall Roast Beef Dinner Thank You

***“Volunteers are Love in Motion!”***

Thank you to the supporters and volunteers of the 2023 Fall Roast Beef Dinner!

Here is a brief report of how things went on Thursday, October 5:

There were 819 roast beef dinners purchased in two-and-a-half hours in this drive-through-only event. (Last fall 724 roast beef dinners were purchased.)

There were 100 volunteers during the two days. (Last fall, 111 volunteers.)

Eleven volunteers canceled, ten due to COVID and one from pneumonia.

Seven volunteers were Denfeld High School and Marshall School Community Service volunteers. (Last fall there were six volunteers.)

## **Expenses:**

The cost of beef increased by \$4.31 per pound from last year. Twenty-seven roasts were used, adding up to 684.35 pounds. Last fall we used 643.80 pounds, an increase of 40.55 pounds.

The cost of frozen apples ordered was \$860.62—and these were the wrong type of apples! We then ordered the correct apples (which is apple pie filling) at the cost of \$989.63. Unfortunately the frozen apples were nonreturnable. So... if you would like to help us out and love apples, a 30-pound bucket of frozen and sugared apples is \$54. If you are interested, please call the church office at 218-722-5021. We will use the remaining frozen apples for other church fundraisers.

## **Leftovers**

Some of the leftovers were delivered to CHUM, and most of the rest will be morphed into additional fundraising opportunities for ministries at FUMC.

## **Purchases:**

We purchased four anti-fatigue mats and a “Pay here” flag.

## **Income (both monetary and intangible)**

We raised \$5,032.32. (Last year, \$3,089.72.)

What is priceless is the offering of warmth and

hospitality to the community and doing this important outreach ministry fundraiser together while strengthening our relationships.

We thank God for all of you and the gifts you so graciously give to the church community.

You are loved and appreciated!

~*Cindy and Scott Hedlund*

## Medical Supply List

### ***Supplies needed by Methodist Global Health Ministries and the Philippine Project:***

- Personal Protective Equipment—gloves (not latex), especially in sizes M, L, and XL; eye protection; face shields; surgical and cloth masks
- Surgical gloves, sizes 6.5 to 8
- Syringes, 5 and 10 ml.
- Dressings and gauze, surgical sponges, Q-tip applicators
- Lubricating jelly
- Disinfectant sponges, swabs
- Cotton twin- or hospital-size flat bed sheets, cotton bed protectors
- Transfer belts
- Ace™ bandages, BandAids™, 4x4's, butterfly closures, other dressings
- Suction or urinary catheters
- Nasal oxygen cannulas or masks
- Braces, slings, supports
- Wheelchairs, walkers, crutches
- Scrub/prep sponges, brushes, iodine
- Surgical tape of any type
- Stethoscopes, blood pressure cuffs

## WDIO's "The Lift" to Feature Denfeld Organ

WDIO's "The Lift" will be featuring the Denfeld pipe organ. News anchor/reporter Baihly Warfield and her videographer visited Denfeld on October 17 and spent nearly two hours learning about the workings and history of the organ in the Denfeld auditorium. The program will cover the organ's history and ongoing efforts to raise funds to restore the organ. The feature will air on **Friday, November 3**, from 4:30 to 5pm on channels 10 and 13. Find out more at [WDIO.com](http://WDIO.com) and feel free to share!

Thank you, ~*Carol Donahue*

# Justice Ministries

Submitted by Sarah Maddy

## Partners in Ministry

In the name of Christ, the people of First United Methodist Church joyfully partner with these organizations to bring justice and compassion to our neighbors:



**Reconciling Ministries Network** (RMN) is committed to intersectional justice across and beyond United Methodist communities, working for the full participation of all LGBTQ+ people throughout the life and leadership of the Church. [rmnetwork.org](http://rmnetwork.org)

RMN pursues diversity, justice, affirmation, and inclusion in three key ways:

1. Changing hearts and minds
2. Changing policy
3. Changing practice



"Changing practice" is about living into our stated values. This takes place in the everyday, on-the-ground decisions and behaviors of life and ministry—so that our actions and advocacy more genuinely reflect what our hearts know is both just and loving. At first glance it might seem like changing practice can only begin after changing policy, but that's not always the case. Anytime we change our practices, we're able to offer real life examples. We model a better, more Christ-like way of doing life and loving our neighbor. Consider all the ways Hollywood has over the years helped us see more and more interracial and LGBTQ+ people and relationships, women in positions of authority, etc. It's been helpful. Seeing this as part of everyday life, whether on TV or in the local church sanctuary, really makes a difference. It helps to shift our perspective. It shapes us. We shouldn't and can't wait until every last policy changes before we begin to change our practices.



**CHUM** offers emergency food, shelter, advocacy, support, and outreach throughout Duluth in a warm and welcoming place where people can be safe, heard, and respected.



Read about the profound shift in this resilient man's life after living outdoors, patiently waiting on affordable housing waitlists, and finally finding a place to call home.

[facebook.com/chumduluth](https://facebook.com/chumduluth)

## Celebrate and give thanks for the volunteers working to bring people together in Duluth



Duluth NAACP members are busy with plans for MLK Day 2024 and the Freedom Fund Dinner to be held at the DECC on February 10. See what else the branch is working on at: [facebook.com/duluthnaacp](https://facebook.com/duluthnaacp).



**Minnesota House Representative Alicia Kozlowski** spoke October 9 at the Indigenous Peoples' Day gathering at Duluth City Hall.

–*Laura Marland Photography*



Prayer for Peace in the Holy Land  
Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson, Bishop of Missouri, Episcopal Church



# Welcome to The Special Saturday Sale Day

**Saturday, November 18  
10:00am to 3:00pm**

**\*Featuring\***

**Book Sale • Soup • Scones • Fiber Art Gifts**

## **Book Sale**

This sale takes place in the library where there are books of all kinds. Proceeds will benefit the church library. The library offers a wide variety of books for all ages to check out and is open to all church members to enjoy.

## **Homemade Soup**

Homemade soup sales will go toward a new curtain for the stage in Lakeview Social Hall.

## **Scones**

Fresh scones by Paul Sapyta and Carol Donahue.  
Proceeds benefit music scholarships.

## **Duluth Fiber Guild**

Duluth Fiber Guild will be holding their annual fair and gift sale. High-quality gifts, weaving and spinning demonstrations, hands-on activities for children and more.



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